

Prudence Island Water District
Minutes of meeting: June 10, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; and Phillip Brooks. Absent were Richard Brooks and Robert Hanson.

Approval of minutes for meeting held May 27, 2006. Phillip Brooks moved for approval, seconded by Patricia Richard, approved unanimously.

Administrative: Nothing new to report.

Technical: Land use and development. Phillip Brooks said that the workshop was planned for either 7/11 or 7/13 at the statehouse or DEM. Portsmouth Water and Fire District will be in attendance. He encouraged all board members to attend the workshop. He said that Mr. Crosby, Portsmouth assistant town planner, attended the last planning meeting. He also said that NBNERR had changed their position regarding their participation in the planning initiative and would be helping to facilitate the groundwater workshop. Last planning meeting is scheduled for 6/29 at 1 p.m. at the Portsmouth town hall. Ms. Richard asked when the public meeting would be held on the island. Mr. Brooks said that it was tentatively planned for one of the holiday weekends and would be a presentation by USGS.

Leak detection: Philip Brooks said that active leaks were being investigated on Homestead Ave. and Governor Paine, and that he had with him the equipment to help locate them. Mr. Buffum asked if the leaks that had been addressed were mostly at valves. Mr. Brooks replied that that they were. Mr. Buffum asked if valve replacement would be an ongoing task. Mr. Brooks replied that this task was indeed ongoing and would never be over. Ms. Richard said that detailed repair records needed to be kept in order to establish a maintenance budget that would reflect both preventive maintenance and breakdown maintenance costs.

Mr. Brooks reported that PIUC was having trouble with some of their pumps.

Pre-development engineering and environmental reports:

Ms. Richard said that Doug Harris, Deputy Narragansett Tribe Preservation Officer saw the potential construction site and mentioned some techniques for excavation to guard against disturbing sites of tribal activity. She said that he would be sending a letter to the district.

Ms. Richard said that Dave Steere of USDA was becoming anxious to have the reports completed and that the board should quickly make any changes necessary to the final draft and submit the reports as soon as possible. She said that she would check with Mr. Richard Brooks and Mr. Hanson and then advise Mr. Nicholson to complete his work on the reports.

Funding: Ms. Richard said that she had a conversation with a representative with RIF and had been encouraged to apply for a Newport County Fund Grant for 2007 and that mini-

grants were also available. She said that she would be researching parameters for a cost of service study, which she felt would be viable project for this funding opportunity.

Correspondence. No correspondence.

No other business. Mr. Buffum moved for adjournment to executive session, seconded by Ms. Richard, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk